

Stillwater County Unified Command  
COVID 19 Re-Opening Planning

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Stillwater County COVID19 Unified Command has been working on a re-opening plan for businesses throughout the county. At this time, we are seeking input from local businesses to help finalize a re-opening plan, while still looking out for the health, safety and well-being of vulnerable populations within our community. We are currently operating under Governor Bullock's Shelter-In-Place Directive and must follow those orders until they expire April 24, 2020 or until otherwise amended by the governor.

Attached, you will find a business/establishment plan for re-opening. Please submit the attached form as soon as possible with a copy of your plans for re-opening which outline social distancing, disinfection, and procedures to operate while ensuring the health and safety of your workforce, customers and the public. If you have previously submitted your operating plans, please submit the attached form only. This will allow for approval of your plan prior to the re-opening by Governor Bullock and permit businesses to be open the day that he allows them to open back up. Once your plan is approved, it will be signed and returned to you. When the governor allows re-opening, you will be able to post your signage on the door and begin operating in accordance with the plan and local public health orders.

We moved swiftly into this federal and state shut-down in accordance with President Trump and Governor Bullock's Public Health Directives to protect the health and safety of county residents. Continuing to keep public health and safety at the forefront, we expect to re-open slowly to ensure that we are still actively monitoring the cases, continuing to flatten the curve, but allowing for business to resume at a "new" normal. We appreciate your efforts, cooperation and dedication to serving the individuals within Stillwater County. These unprecedented times have rocked our country, state and small, local communities. That being said, there is positive proof that our efforts have worked on a local level and have minimized the spread of this deadly virus.

We encourage you to look at the Centers for Disease Controls guidance for businesses. This guidance outlines procedures for businesses to re-open and strategies to allow for safety of your employees as well as your customers.

Information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

A Zoom meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, at 0900 hours. During this time, we will review the plan with business and establishment owners, answer questions and request that input be given to help us continue to drive the re-opening of our local businesses. We encourage businesses in Stillwater County that have closed to attend this meeting as well as those essential businesses that have remained open.

To attend the meeting please utilize the following avenues to request a password for the meeting:

Josh Juarez, Stillwater County Sanitarian at 322-8055 or [jj Suarez@stillwatercountymt.gov](mailto:jj Suarez@stillwatercountymt.gov)

Stillwater County Clerk and Records Office at 322-8000

Thank you all again for your continued efforts. We look forward to getting back to business as Governor Bullock's restrictions are lifted and further guidance is issued.

**\*\* ATTENTION\*\*:** Business Re-opening plans can be viewed and submitted electronically here:

<https://stillwatercountymt.seamlessdocs.com/f/BusinessReopeningPlan042120>